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In re application of:

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MODEL MOUSE

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Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the fees, please amend the claims attached to the specification as follows:

- 3. (Amended) The model non-human animal being unresponsive to bacterial cell components according to claim 1, wherein the model non-human animal is unresponsive to peptidoglycan, which is a bacterial cell component.
- 4. (Amended) The model non-human animal being unresponsive to bacterial cell components according to claim 1, wherein the model non-human animal is hyporesponsive to a cell wall fraction of Gram-positive bacteria.